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Three killed in shooting near Texas university

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A policeman and another man were shot dead near a major US university yesterday before police shot the suspect and took him into custody, where he later reportedly died.

Assistant Police Chief Scott McCollum said three more police officers and a female civilian were wounded in the shooting, which took place in College Station near Texas A&M University, which has nearly 50,000 students.

McCollum said Constable Brian Bachmann had gone to a house a few blocks away from campus to serve an eviction notice when the suspect opened fire, leading the officer to call for backup before he succumbed to his wounds.

Reinforcements rushed to the scene after the first shots were fired and battled the gunman, eventually wounding him and taking him into custody, McCollum said at a press conference.

Local media later cited police as saying the suspect had died in custody. The police could not immediately be reached for comment.

McCollum said police were still looking into the motive

behind the shooting and declined to provide details about the suspect's identity, the firearm that was used or the circumstances behind the eviction notice.

"A situation like this is very chaotic. We have a lot of information that's coming in, we have multiple crime scenes, and we ask the public to be patient as we try to understand why this tragedy has occurred," he told reporters.

McCollum later said the civilian male shot dead in the incident was in his mid-60s and that the woman, 55, was in surgery.

One policeman was shot in the leg and taken to hospital, and two others suffered "non-life threatening injuries," he said.

The incident came in the wake of two recent mass shootings -- one at a crowded cinema in Colorado and another at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin -- less than three weeks apart, that reignited debate over lax US gun laws.

The incident took place around the 200 block of Fidelity Drive, a residential area a few blocks from the sprawling Texas A&M campus.

Substantial reduction in water and electricity tariffs for Aruba!

It is a reality....the tariffs on water and electricity on Aruba will be reduced significantly! This is a result of last week's deliberations between the government, unions and employee organizations.

It is estimated that the average family in Aruba spends about 30% of their family budget on water and electricity. While the high cost of energy is also an obstacle for the business community.

One important factor which has contributed to making it possible to reduce the tariffs on water and electricity is the decision taken by the government to end the practice of collecting dividends from the utility companies. That inevitably kept the tariffs unnecessarily extremely high. During the National Social Dialogue, the government, unions, and employee organizations reached a consensus on a new tariff structure. The primary objective throughout the deliberations was to ensure that those with less income in our community should enjoy the lowest tariffs.

For this category -- using 13 to 20m³ of water -- the tariff will be reduced by 44% as of August 1st, 2012. For those in the non-residential, commercial and hotel category, the tariff will be reduced by 26%. The electricity tariff will be reduced as of the 1st of November by an average of 10%. For those in the lower income bracket the reduction will be 15%, for small and medium businesses the reduction will be 6%. For those consuming large amounts of energy, the reduction will be 1%.

In the protocol signed by the social partners it was accorded that as of January 1st 2013, the import duty on all electrical appliances and apparatus consuming very little energy, the tariff will be re-



duced to a mere 2%. They also plan to begin an awareness campaign to teach people how to use electricity and water correctly and more efficiently.

The government expressed that the practice of extracting dividends from state-owned companies is a non-transparent practice which is an unacceptable principle, especially when this affects those with limited resources. No government should expect to earn profits from sources of primary necessity such as water and electricity, according to the government.

With the reduction in the water and electricity tariffs

the buying power of our citizens will be increased substantially injecting new impulse into the economy, which will result in more tax income and more jobs!

The government expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the disposition and cooperation of the unions, business community and all social partners who contributed to making the national Social Dialogue and the historical reduction in our utility tariffs such a success.

According to the government, this was yet another important achievement for Aruba. The first such milestone was the decision to restructure the Pension Plan.

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Aruba Olympic Committee creating alliances with other countries

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During the London Olympic Games, the technical commission of the Aruba Olympic Committee (COA) held different meetings with various Olympic committees from different countries. Meetings were held with, among others, representatives of the Olympic Committee of Spain, Colombia, the USA and Brazil. The objective of these meetings was to find new possibilities for our elite athletes and their trainers to get into one or more athletic planning programs for the next four year cycle.

COA members in charge of the Technical Commission, Edmundo Josiah and Jesus Halabi, were the members who met with these representatives. Again, their objective is to en-

able our athletes and their coach's better preparation opportunities abroad that could ensure them better results in the next four year cycle.

One of the first important contacts realized was with the President of the Spain Olympic Committee, Alejandro Blanco. Blanco promised that before the end of the year, he will visit Aruba to explore which sports in Aruba has real potential for development where Spain could offer help.

The next meeting was with the president of the International Federation of Judo, Marius Vizer, who offered the possibility for Aruban athletes to follow a year long program in Rumania. This will be for the preparation of the South

American Youth Games to take place next year October in Lima, Peru. Brazil and Spain also offered Aruba the same support, but for different sports.

A very important aspect realized during these meetings is the willingness of parents to allow their youngsters to go abroad at a young age to pursue the further development of their sport.

Another important country with whom our technical committee met was Colombia. Here they met with top executive of the Colombian Olympic Committee, Dr. Mauricio Serrato. According to Dr. Serrato, in 2013 the Colombian Olympic Committee will open a most complete and modern training center. The possibility exists for sending our athletes and coaches to this center where they can follow an extended training program. That program will include the medical part where they would work together with Cemedar of Aruba.

Efforts are being made to bring Cuban Santiago Antunes, former director of the technical federation of Cuba for athletics, who in 2010 received IAAF World federation prize for best trainer in the world, to Aruba for a one week visit. Antunes would be requested to evaluate the potential of our athletics and to ascertain if our athletes would be capable of competing in one or more regional events. Antunes would evaluate the real situation of our athletics on Aruba.

If Aruba intends to one day see better results in regional games such as CAC and ODESUR, and in a certain sense also in the Pan American Games, both our athletes and coaches will have to follow a program in one of the countries mentioned above.

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It has become a yearly tradition for the Kiwanis Club of Aruba and the Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach to team up and invite 50 less fortunate children from our community for a shopping spree combined with an outing in preparation for the new school year. Last week, Kiwanis, the brain child and host of this tremendous “Back to School program, with 20 volunteers, together with Subway Aruba treated our children to a delicious breakfast.

Early last Saturday morning Subway Aruba employees prepared fresh healthy sandwiches for the children

and volunteers of the Kiwanis Key Club so they could begin their day with lots of energy.

The Kiwanis Clubs assisted the 50 kids in getting their articles and clothes needed to begin the new school year. After shopping at Giselle, the children went to see a movie at the cinemas and closed out the fantastic day at the Nephtaly Henriquez Park with a tremendous BBQ.

The Morning News joins with Subway and Kiwanis Clubs to wish our children the very best for school year 2012-2013.

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Marriott changes to five day work week for hourly associates



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excited that we were able to transition in this direction".

The switch to a five day work week was based on the executive committee and from votes of each individual within the department. The majority of the hourly associates choose to benefit of a reduced work week and remain the same salary as before, leading better satisfaction of the associates.

The departments that have been converted to the five-day week are for the three hotels: Housekeeping, Front Office, At Your Service, Engineering, Grounds, Gift Shops, Casino Surveillance and Casino Slots.

Loads of fun at the opening of Aquaventure Waterpark

The official opening of Aquaventure Waterpark was one giant party for more than 700 visitors last Saturday. Most of them in the age group young to very young, had a blast in the Lagoon Pool, the terrific slides and underneath the 1000 liter bucket, the latest addition to the immense park at the foot of the Hooiberg mountain. Professional life guards were present to teach everyone the right body positions for the best and safest speed in the slides and a clown's funny antics had the visitors in stitches. Big smiles were the reward for the new



owners of Aquaventure Waterpark.

To celebrate the opening

of the mega water park, 500 free tickets were given away to those who called the waterpark on Tuesday and a 100 more could be won by the listeners of several popular radio stations. In just a few short hours all tickets were gone, of course. Who would not love a day at this fantastic project where fun in the water is the name of the game?

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Love & Light Foundation present inspirational cards



On August 3rd the Love & Light Foundation proudly presented their inspirational cards at the La Trattoria El Faro Blanco Restaurant. The afternoon began with a brief story of the history of L&L as told by Belquis Moreu. It all began with a group of friends who met together to share and discuss different topics they found in books; saw in films and on cards. They decided to establish the L&L Foundation so they could share their ideas with the entire community.

This led to the presentation of seminars on the Law of attraction, films such as The Moses Code, Flatland, The serious business of happiness, Orbs, etc. They also introduced the Law of Attraction seminar to Curacao.

Another plan of L&L Foundation was to introduce cards of inspiration in Papiamentu with pictures of Aruban nature. Madeline Ridderstap, vice-president of the board of L&L, shared how this idea was born. Madeline also shared what the primary goal of L&L is, namely, to via meditation, vi-

sualization and spirituality share positivism with the Aruban community with the objective of bringing about a change of mentality. They intend to place emphasis on positive energy, which they claim is necessary for development and evolvement of each person so as to be more compassionate and vibrant and be more loving. L&L also wants to make a contribution to this goal. They have begun exploring what are the best ways to make people aware of positive energy. This led to the birth of the inspiration cards.

During the program, the cards were presented in a most unique manner to the audience present. Members of the board via the five elements: fire, water, earth, air and the heart presented the inspiration cards with their beautiful nature pictures of Aruba.

Jeanine Tromp, board member, expressed words of gratitude to all who in one way or other contributed to the realization and success of their project.

Aruba preparing for sensational Bonaire Day celebration!

It was recently decided to establish a special commission from the Union Mutualista Bonairiano along with a few Bonairians living in Aruba, to give the annual celebrations of Bonaire Day on Aruba an official form and to expand on this celebration.

The 6th of September is officially Bonaire's national day. To commemorate this important day, the commission is organizing a complete week of activities which will culminate on Sunday the 9th of September in the Bonaire Club in San



Nicolas. The idea is to attract Bonairians to come to Aruba, as well as to interest Bonairians residing in Curacao to come to Aruba for the celebrations.

Together with historian, journalist and author, Boy Antoin, the musical groups Foyan Boys, Tutti Frutti and the Grupo Eso of Bonaire will all be in Aruba. They will be making various presentations on Aruba. From Curacao we can expect the well-known Grupo Komper to celebrate this day with us here on Aruba together with the Rincon Boyz.

As this entails more than just national typical music, the



commission decided to include Claudius and his OREO, Tsunami and Le Groove of Aruba in the musical line up. Well-known Jairo Evertsz will preside the commission together with Ruben Garcia, Munje Winklaar, Magda Nicolaas and Elvis Tjin Asjoe. Together they will organize the singing, dance, food and traditional "wapamento di simadan" in the streets of San Nicolas.

Tiara Air, Romar Trading, Holiday Inn, Eden Beach Resort Bonaire and various other instances and businesses are already providing support and cooperation. On August 10th a delegation left for Curacao where they spent the morning presenting the program, then later in the afternoon they tra-

veled to Bonaire to do the same there.

Bonairians residing in Aruba have assured us that this program is very popular, because, to them, when you're away from your country, a national day has double significance to you; it stirs all your patriotic sentiments. Hence, everyone is invited to come out and enjoy Bonaire National Day with the rest of the community during the entire week of September 3 to 9.

During the week of preparation for Bonaire Day in Aruba, attention will be given to cultural aspects of Bonaire via the various media with different lectures and interviews on radio and television under the direction of Boy Antoin.

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Bon Bini Festival is tonight



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This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.

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Aruba Olympic Committee creating alliances...

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In other words, they will have to go abroad to follow a much more extensive and intensive program together with other athletes and coaches around the world. This will be the only way they will be able to get positive results in regional games and in the Olympics.

In the past London Olympics, it was obvious that the majority of the small countries around the world have sought cooperation from big

countries where their athletes could train in highly modern centers, where they can receive the best possible programs which could help them achieve better results.

In preparation for the London Olympics, many athletes of small countries had extended preparation in big countries where the facilities are of the best quality. This is an essential aspect to bear in mind for our local athletes. The ath-

letes from small countries in our region who achieved great results in the Olympic Games (Churandy Martina from Curaçao, Olympic champion from Grenada, Kirani James, athletes from Trinidad & Tobago, and from other countries) did not achieve their results from training in their own countries, they had to study and train abroad. The majority of them went to the USA.

At the opening of Aquaventure Waterpark

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It starts as a regular slide and midway changes into a wild water river that drops into the big lagoon swimming pool after 250 meters. All the slides were built within Aruba's wonderful nature and natural rock formations. In the middle of the park stands the giant Water Fort with 4 more slides, a mushroom waterfall and giant 1000 liter water bucket that will tip over once it is filled

up. Water sprays out everywhere and fun is guaranteed!

You will find Aquaventure Waterpark at the steps of the Hooiberg or Haystack hill, from where you can drive through Aruba's nature to the water park's own parking lot. The entry fee for children up to 12 years is US\$9 and for adults it is only US\$12.-. The big covered open air restaurant offers excellent Aruban cuisine against local prices.

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Not too late for aid to Sudan war zone, says WFP boss

KHARTOUM (AFP) - A plan backed by the United Nations, the African Union and the Arab League for delivering aid to war-affected Sudanese states has not come too late, the head of the World Food Program said yesterday.

Six months after the three organisations submitted their proposal to Khartoum, the government in early August signed a memorandum of understanding with them to allow for humanitarian access throughout South Kordofan and Blue Nile -- including in rebel-held areas.

The UN has expressed concern for months about a worsening humanitarian situation in the war zone, where Khartoum cited security concerns in tightly restricting the operations of foreign aid agencies.

"It's never too late to get to a plan when there is an opportunity to serve," WFP's executive director, Ertharin Cousin, told reporters.

"We have beneficiaries in

need. The government has committed to supporting the MOU and working out the logistics and providing that space and that opportunity for us to serve those in need."

A similar memorandum has been reached with rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N), who have been battling government forces since June last year in South Kordofan, and since September in Blue Nile state.

The number of people affected by the fighting has more than doubled since December, according to UN figures, and now stands at more than 650,000. In April some refugees reaching South Sudan reported that they had to forage in the wild to survive.

After talks with Sudan's Vice President Ali Osman Taha, Interior Minister Ibrahim Mahmud Ahmad and other officials, Cousin said there was no specific start date for the aid operation.

Cosmo editor Helen Gurley Brown dies at 90

NEW YORK (AFP) - Helen Gurley Brown, the saucy Cosmopolitan editor who delivered thousands of sex tips to single women and more than a few curious men, died yesterday. She was 90.

Gurley Brown, whose influence spread across 64 international editions of the low-brow, glossy magazine, died after a brief hospitalization at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Hearst media corporation said.

"Widely heralded as a legend, Gurley Brown's impact on popular culture and society reached around the globe, first with her 1962 bestseller, 'Sex and the Single Girl,' and then for the more than three decades she put her personal stamp on Cosmopolitan," Hearst said.

"Under her reign, Cosmopolitan became the bible of 'single girls' worldwide and remains the magazine of 'fun, fearless, females' to this day."

Gurley Brown took over the then conservative magazine in 1965 and set about delivering her message of "Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere."

By the 1980s the magazine had grown to 300 pages, a third of that expensive advertising. It now appears in 35 languages across more than 100 countries.



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Pope's butler, 'accomplice' must stand trial

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI's former butler and another Vatican employee must stand trial for leaking confidential papers in a scandal that exposed feuds within the Church, a magistrate said yesterday.

Paolo Gabriele, who was arrested in May on suspicion of stealing secret documents from the pope's office and leaking them to journalists, is accused of "aggravated theft," a statement said.

Judge Piero Bonnet also charged Claudio Sciarpetti, an analyst and computer programmer in the Vatican state secretariat -- whose name had not been disclosed before -- with complicity.

Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi told journalists the investigation into a "wide and complex case" was not yet over and would continue to target others believed to be implicated.

Gabriele, 46, risks up to six years in prison. The Vatican has said the trial will not take place until October at the earliest.

Lombardi said that Sciarpetti had played a "marginal role" and could not really be considered an accomplice.

Sciarpetti was arrested in May but released the next day. He has now been suspended

from his post "as a precaution" said Lombardi, but continues to draw his salary.

Gabriele was arrested during an investigation into the leak of private papal documents to the media. He was held for 53 days in a Vatican cell before being put under house arrest in July to await the judge's decision.

The Vatican said after his arrest it had found documents and copying equipment in Gabriele's home, revelations which shocked the close-knit Holy See community and saddened the 85-year-old German pontiff.

The father-of-three is alleged to have photocopied and leaked top-secret emails and letters, taken from the desk of Georg Gaenswein, the pope's private secretary. He has readily admitted to the leaks.

Gabriele's lawyers have denied media reports that their client was part of a wider whistleblowing operation aimed at shaking up the Vatican hierarchy.

But while the butler insists he worked alone, many believe he is covering up for other whistleblowers still in action -- particularly considering several documents were leaked to newspapers even after Gabriele was arrested.

Panama Canal expansion to be finish on time

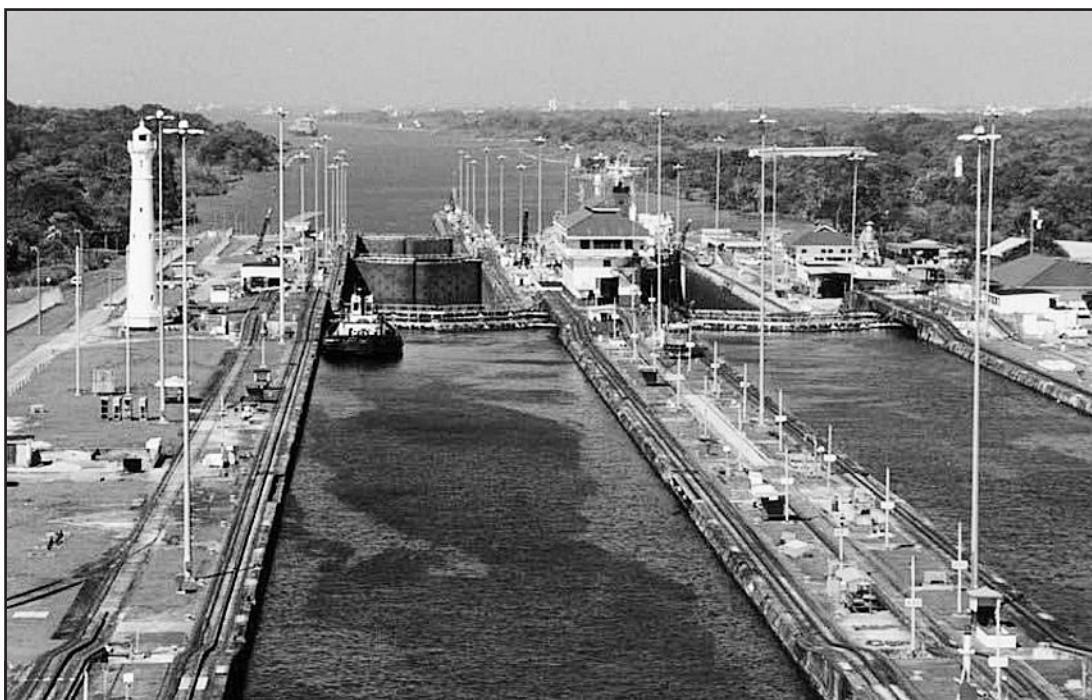
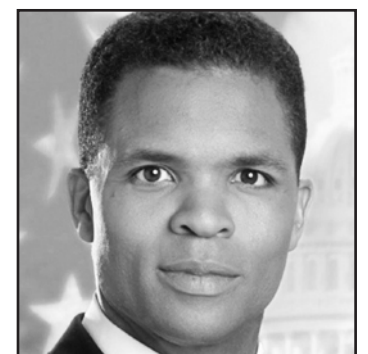


Photo above shows a ship in the Panama Canal. Despite a one-week strike a few months ago, problems with the concrete mix, and reports of other delays, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) and the builders' group, Grupo Unidos por el Canal (GUPEC) say the expansion to be finished on time. The third set of locks project is foreseen to be delivered in October 21, 2014 as scheduled.

U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is being treated for bipolar disorder at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, according to a statement released yesterday by the top-flight medical facility. U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. is being treated for bipolar disorder at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, according to a statement released yesterday by the top-flight medical facility.

The form of the disorder that Jackson has, called bipolar II depression, is a treatable one that afflicts many Americans who are still able to live successful, fruitful lives in spite of



it, the clinic says.

The Chicago congressman is "responding well to the treatment and regaining his strength," according to the Mayo Clinic statement.

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Rebels appeal for aid as Syria forces advance in Aleppo

ALEPPO (AFP) - Opposition fighters appealed for the international community to come to their aid as Syrian troops advanced into a new rebel-held area of the country's second city Aleppo yesterday.

"Why doesn't the government of your country do anything to help us?" Abu Ahmed, a fighter with the Shuhada al-Atareb (Martyrs of Atareb) Battalion in the rebel-held southern district of Sukari, pleaded with an AFP photographer.

"In Libya, they helped get rid of (now slain dictator Moamer) Kadhafi, but here in Syria they leave us to die," said the fighter, whose group is named after the town of Atareb in Aleppo province, the scene of major fighting in the 17-month conflict.

All communications have been cut in Aleppo, the AFP photographer said, raising fears of a major assault on the northern metropolis whose fate is seen as pivotal in determining the outcome of the increasingly brutal conflict.

Abu Ahmed called for a no-fly zone to protect against air attacks by government forces, which activists say have often fired from warplanes on Aleppo in a bid to wrest the northern city from rebel hands.

The Syrian National Coun-



Syrians queue to buy bread from a bakery run by the Free Syrian Army (FSA) in the northern city of Aleppo on toaday. Bags of eight pieces of bread were sold for 15 Syrian pounds (about 25 cents).

cil, the opposition umbrella group, also called yesterday for such zones near the borders with Turkey and Jordan, along the lines of those established in Libya during the conflict against Kadhafi's regime.

The NATO campaign in Libya, which was authorised by the United Nations, played a key role in helping rebels bring down Kadhafi, but it left a deep rift in the UN Security Council.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the army had advanced yesterday into the rebel-held area of Saif al-Dawla, days after it seized control of the neighbouring district of Salaheddin.

"With tanks, Syria's regime forces have stormed the west of the district of Saif al-Dawla," it said.

Control of Salehiddin and other districts in Aleppo's southern belt are key to securing the supply routes from Damascus, while much of the countryside to the north towards Turkey is in rebel hands.

A Russian-made MiG fighter jet was seen swooping low over the city, firing on some areas, the AFP correspondent said.

Rebels said there had been attacks by MiG jets and helicopters, and shelling of Sukari but no street fighting was reported.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Holder sued over botched US-Mexico arms operation

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US congressional committee filed a lawsuit yesterday to force Attorney General Eric Holder to turn over documents related to a botched gun-running operation called "Fast and Furious."

"The House's filing asks the federal court to rule that President (Barack) Obama's assertion of executive privilege was invalid and compel Attorney General Eric Holder to produce subpoenaed documents," said a statement from the Republican-led House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which investigated the operation.

In June, the House of Representatives took the historic and controversial step of holding Holder in contempt over the gun-tracking operation and his refusal to turn over the requested documents.

But the Justice Department declined to prosecute Holder for his refusal, after the president said the materials were protected under "executive privilege."

Committee chairman Darrell Issa, a Republican, said Obama's decision to assert his privilege, "nearly eight months after the subpoena had been issued," was unfounded.

It was "a calculated political maneuver designed to stop the release of documents until after November's elections," Issa alleged.

The White House and the attorney general counter that the investigation itself is politically motivated, timed to make headlines during a tough presidential campaign.

"It seems clear that House Republican leaders do not want to resolve the contempt issue and prefer to generate unnecessary conflict with the administration as the election nears," said Elijah Cummings, the top Democrat on the committee.

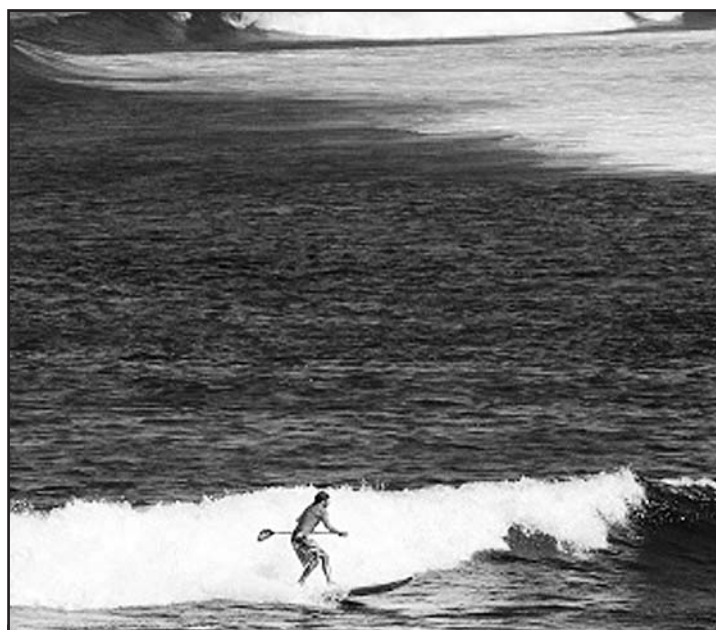
Issa is seeking to discover who in the government knew about the operation -- which was launched in Arizona by agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives -- and whether there was a cover-up.

Holder has said he was unaware of it and has ordered his own internal investigation.

The sting operation, named after the Fast and Furious series of Hollywood action movies, was designed to track weapons purchased by straw buyers and smuggled to drug cartels in Mexico.

But many of the guns went missing, and two were later found at the murder scene of a US border patrol agent.

Holder has testified about the scandal nine times and turned over 7,600 documents, but Issa says that is less than 10 percent of what was being sought.



FRANCE (REUNION), Trois Bassins : A stand-up paddle boarder shares a wave at Trois Bassins beach, on the west of the French Indian Ocean island of La Reunion, on August 13, 2012, while the spot had been prohibited after 22-year-old local Alexandre Rassica was killed by a shark who bit off his leg on July 23. An other surfer was seriously injured on August 5, in a new shark attack on a Saint-Leu de La Reunion beach, located in a marine reserve. Shark attacks here have been increasing in the last two years, with three surfers killed in the last 13 months.
(AFP PHOTO)

Health & Living

Roche 'gets US green light to sell diabetes eye drug'



GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss pharma giant Roche said Monday it will sell in the United States a drug that treats a diabetes-related illness linked to blindness after getting the regulatory green light.



FRANCE (Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue): Oyster farming nets are pictured last week in Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue, north-western France. Fishing and selling of mussels and oysters have been temporarily forbidden in the Bay of Morsalines, a major basin of Lower Normandy, due to a significant degradation of water quality, according to a decree published on August 10. The pollution is probably due to failures in houses' sewerage network combined with heavy rain which have leach soils.

AFP PHOTO

ministration's (FDA) decision means that Roche can take Lucentis to the US to treat diabetic macular oedema (DME), a condition that causes swelling, blurred vision and blindness in people with diabetes.

In a statement Roche called the development the "first major treatment advance in more than 25 years for (the) sight-threatening condition."

"For the first time, Americans with diabetic macular oedema will have access to an FDA-approved medicine shown to help many patients rapidly regain substantial amounts of lost vision," said Hal Barron, global product development director at Roche.

Lucentis is described by Roche as the "first and only FDA-approved medicine" to help those with the condition, which is otherwise treated with limited success by laser surgery.

Nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes which is the principal cause of blindness in America, Roche said in a statement.

More than 560,000 have related macular oedema and one in 10 people with diabetes will get DME during their lifetime, the Basel-based manufacturer added.

Ban says sex discrimination hampers poverty battle

SEOUL (AFP) - Discrimination against women hampers progress in alleviating world poverty and costs Asia-Pacific economies tens of billions of dollars a year, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Monday.

"Gender discrimination blocks progress. Equality makes it possible to achieve huge breakthroughs," Ban told an international meeting for young female leaders during a visit to his native South Korea.

Women make up a fraction of all chief executives of the world's biggest companies, fewer than one in ten national leaders are female and fewer than one in five parliamentarians are women, he said in a speech.

"The lack of women's representation -- of women's empowerment -- affects individual women's rights -- and it holds back whole countries," Ban said.

One recent UN study, he said, showed that limits on women's economic participation cost the Asia-Pacific region nearly \$90 billion a year in lost productivity.

Helping women was crucial to achieving the Millennium Development Goals on poverty reduction by 2015, the UN chief said.

Women did more work for less pay than men and far more girls were shut out of primary school than boys. Two-thirds of the 780 million people in the world who cannot read were women.

A woman still died every 90 seconds from complications related to pregnancy or childbirth, Ban said, adding he was heading a global movement to end these needless deaths.

"We are moving on all fronts to invest in women so they can reach their full potential, drive development and lead us to a better future," he said.



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- * **Exfoliate your face and hands.** Rub your skin with olive oil, then scrub with sugar or coarse salt, and rinse.
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Philippines told to brace for more rains



MANILA (AFP) - Philippine authorities warned Monday an approaching storm could bring more heavy rain to the capital and surrounding areas that are still reeling from devastating floods that have left 92 dead.

Nearly half a million people are packed in evacuation centres, while all in all, more than 3.4 million people have been affected by the floods, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.

Flooding in Manila has largely subsided, although hundreds of thousands remained cut off by neck-deep floods in low-lying farming towns north of the capital that are natural catch basins.

Monday morning the state weather bureau said a tropical depression was spotted 600 kilometres (370 miles) off the eastern coast of the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean.

It was forecast to move in a west-northwest direction and

likely skirt the Philippines, but it could still bring more heavy rain, the bureau said.

The storm could interact with the seasonal southwest monsoon and lead to fresh torrential rains, it said.

Similar heavy rainfall submerged more than 80 percent of the capital Manila last week, virtually bringing the megacity to a standstill.

Authorities said they were checking for possible outbreaks of disease and rushing food packs to evacuation centres, while the death toll had meanwhile risen to 92 from 85 reported Sunday.

Many of the casualties were due to drowning.

In Malabon, a coastal district facing Manila Bay, people trickled back to clean up their mud-streaked homes Monday amid warnings to be prepared for fresh evacuations.

Virtually all of Malabon's 21 villages were swamped by neck-deep floods at the height of the torrential rains, and some 1,000 people still remained in evacuation centres Monday.

Dutch reality show to offer one-way tickets to Mars

THE HAGUE (AFP) - As the world marvels at the latest US Mars landing, a Dutch start-up is aiming to beat NASA at its own game by sending the first humans to the red planet -- and film all as a reality show.

The big hitch: it's a one-way trip.

Fact, fiction or publicity stunt from the land that launched reality TV?

The start-up, called "Mars One", says it is dead serious about landing four astronauts on Mars by 2023, seven years ahead of the US space agency's target, and plans to start the search for volunteers next year.

Experts are sceptical, but "Mars One" has won backing from none other than Dutch Nobel laureate Gerard 't Hooft, who won the 1999 prize for physics.

No one has yet tried to put man on Mars and scientists question whether radiation exposure would even allow humans to survive the trip.

As for space agencies' attempts since 1960 to land unmanned craft, only about half have succeeded, with the US in the clear lead.

And though six missions did make it to Mars -- including NASA's Curiosity rover that set down Aug 5 to hunt

for signs of past life and prepare for a possible human mission -- scientists have no way, yet, to get spacecraft back.

Sound discouraging? Not to the man behind "Mars One", mechanical engineer Bas Lansdorp, 35.

He estimates its pricetag at a hefty \$6 billion, more than twice the \$2.5 billion for Curiosity, NASA's biggest mission yet, and said the idea for financing came after talks with Paul Romer, one of the Dutch creators of "Big Brother", the first reality show in 1999 that was a smash hit and spawned versions, and big profits, worldwide.

"Funding will be made possible through the media spectacle built around the adventure," he told AFP.

For Lansdorp, "the conquest of the red planet is the most important step in the history of mankind," even if he concedes that many aspects of "Mars One" are still uncertain.

Among these are the ethics and legality of asking people to finish their lives in outer space, under TV scrutiny.

Other critics say "Mars One" seems more focussed on the monetisation -- rather than the feasibility -- of the

project.

Under Lansdorp's plan, choosing and training the astronauts, their months-long space journey and their lives on Mars would all be televised -- along the lines of "Big Brother" where a small group was isolated in a house and constantly filmed by TV cameras.

The Dutch engineer, who previously worked in the field of wind power, has teamed up with a physicist, an industrial designer and a communications specialist. They would run the operation, he said, and technical aspects like building a space ship and living quarters on Mars would be outsourced to companies that were "most qualified".

He has even drawn up a schedule. Selection and training of astronauts is set to start next year, then modules for the space station, food and robotic vehicles would be sent between 2016 and 2022.

A first group of four men and women would set foot on Mars in April 2023, Lansdorp told AFP, with others to follow until there was a colony of 20 people a decade later. They would mainly conduct scientific experiments, notably looking for signs of life, like Curiosity.



Veteran astrophotographer Roberto Porto snapped this spectacular view of a Perseid meteor over Mount Tiede National Park in the Canary Islands off the west coast of Africa on Aug. 11, 2012 during the peak of the 2012 Perseid meteor shower.



(AFP) - Internet giant Google on Monday said it plans to lay off about 4,000 employees worldwide at cellphone maker Motorola Mobility, as it seeks to focus on sales of its Android devices. The aim of the cuts is to simplify the Motorola line of mobile phones "from feature phones to more innovative and profitable devices." Google bought the Mobility unit for \$12.5 billion in May, eyeing both its mobile phone line, which uses Google's Android platform, and some 17,000 valuable patents. Google sought control of Motorola's phone line and its patents in the May takeover to boost its competitiveness against Apple in the booming smartphone and tablet market. Google said it will run Motorola Mobility as a separate business unit that will be a licensee of Android.

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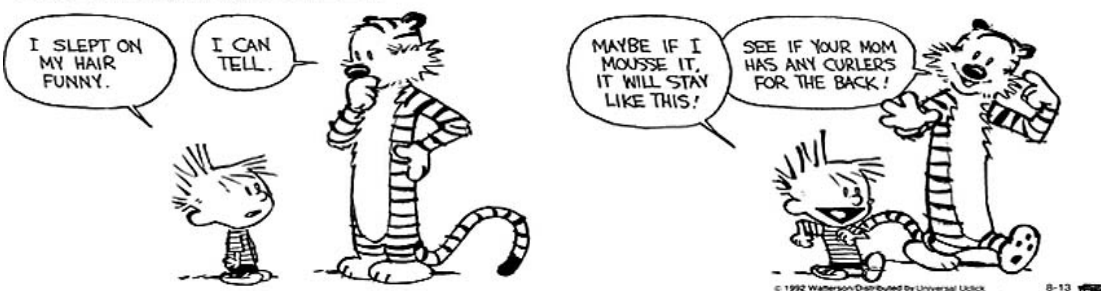
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19. Swindler
21. Serious
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30. Tickle Me Elmo, e.g.

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38. Like music from a cheap speaker
39. Magnetism
41. Lobe location
42. "____ Placid"
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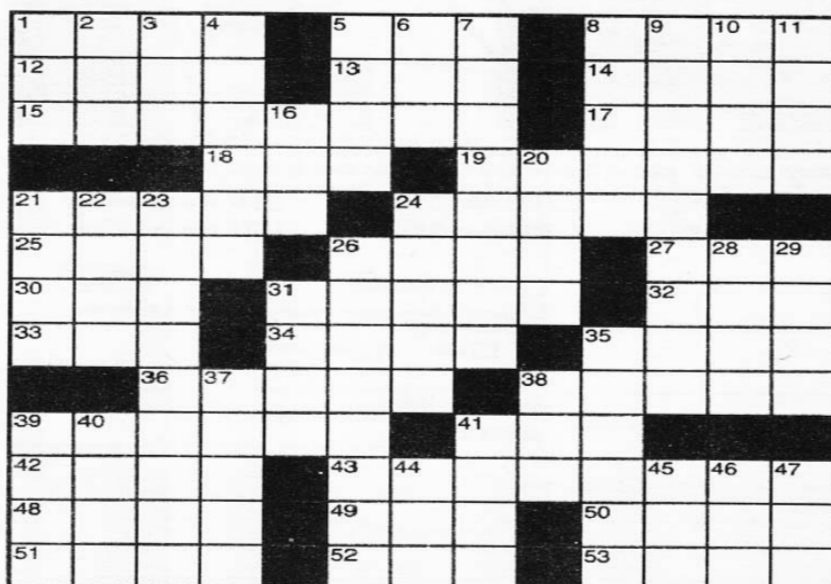
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director John

7. Waterproof fabric
8. Secluded
9. He takes "pried" in his work!
10. "The King and I" character
11. Horse check
16. ____ excellence
20. Flamenco cheers
21. Pascal's field
22. Medicinal plant
23. He cuts corners!
24. Baldwin et al.
26. Once
28. Famed Honolulu gumshoe
29. "____ Dancer" (Elton John hit)
31. Former TV host Jack
35. Sahara chimera
37. "Tonight" et al.
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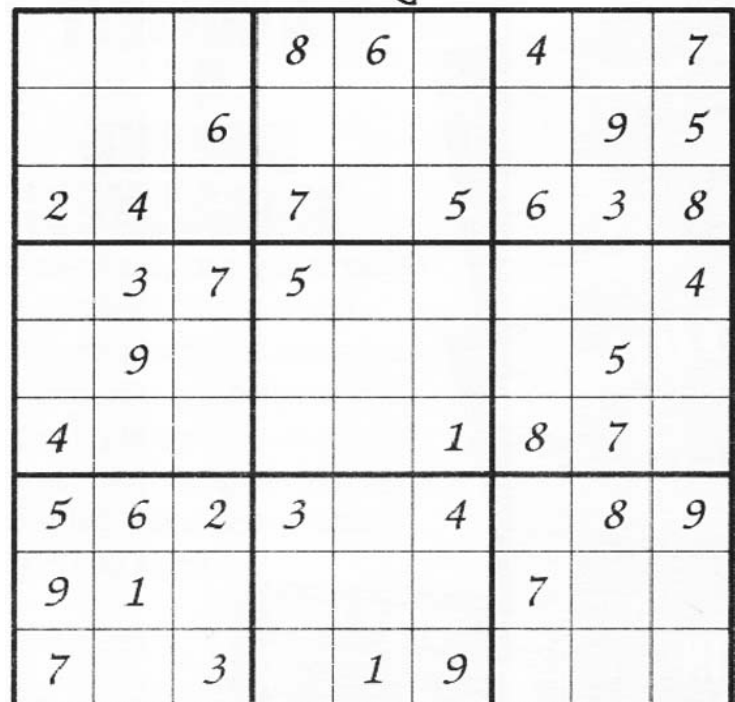
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Finance

BP sells US refinery for \$2.5 bn to Tesoro Corp.

LONDON (AFP) - British energy group BP said yesterday that it had agreed to sell its Carson refinery in California to US peer Tesoro Corporation for \$2.5 billion (2.02 billion euros).

The sale is part of BP's previously-announced plans to sell \$38 billion of assets by the end of 2013 to help pay the clean-up bill and compensation costs from the devastating 2010 US Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The troubled energy major has agreed to sell \$26.5 billion of assets since the start of 2010, including the latest deal.

BP said that the Carson sale would allow it to focus its investment and operations on the British group's three refineries in the northern United States.

The group had announced in February 2011 that it would sell off two major US refineries -- including Carson -- as

part of a restructuring to shift its focus away from the United States and to meet its compensation costs.

It also intends to offload the Texas City facility which suffered a deadly 2005 explosion that killed 15 workers and sparked safety concerns across its US operations.

"Today's announcement is a significant step in the strategic refocusing of our US fuels business," chief executive of BP's global refining and marketing business, Iain Conn, said in Monday's statement.

"Together with the intended sale of Texas City, this will allow us to focus BP's operations and investments exclusively on our three northern US refineries, which are crude feedstock advantaged, and their large and important marketing businesses."

Tesoro will acquire the Carson refinery near Los Angeles

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Netherlands EUR	217.78	219.76	221.97
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French capital to lose Paris Hilton

PARIS (AFP) - The US socialite will be the only Paris Hilton left after the hotel chain lost the right to manage its sole establishment in the center of the French capital under a court ruling seen by AFP yesterday.

Real estate and hotel firm SIHPM, owners of the Hilton Arc de Triomphe, took the US group to court for "serious violations of its obligations" under a management contract awarded in 2003.

SIHPM accused Hilton of having under-exploited the potential of the hotel, which it believed should be a five-star establishment instead of four, the company's lawyer Maurice Lantourne said.

It therefore sought to end the management mandate for

the 500-room hotel, according to the ruling dated July 5.

The commercial court ruled in favour of SIHPM after finding "breaches" by Hilton, and gave SIHPM three months to "proceed to remove all references to the Hilton brand" on the hotel.

An independent expert has also been named to evaluate the damages and interests. The SIHPM is claiming up to 60 million euros.

Hilton France said it was contesting the ruling.

The US group runs four other hotels outside Paris, including at the city's two main airports and in Versailles, but the Hilton Arc de Triomphe was the only one located in the city center.

Brent crude oil price hits three-month high

LONDON (AFP) - Crude prices were mixed yesterday, with Brent hitting a three-month high on tight supply concerns, and New York oil down amid hopes of added stimulus to boost global economic growth, traders said.

Brent crude reached \$115.11 a barrel to reach the highest level since early May. Brent North Sea crude for delivery in September later stood at \$113.57 in late London deals, up 62 cents compared with Friday's close.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for September, fell 36 cents to \$92.51 after gaining earlier in the day.

"As the new week begins, Brent has risen to a three-month high," said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch. "Driving the price upwards are still the risks to supply such as the decline in North Sea production (due to maintenance) and the tensions in the Near and Middle East."

Traders yesterday added that crude was winning support from hopes of further cash stimulus to boost the global economy.

The European Central Bank is also expected to restart its bond-buying scheme to support under-pressure economies such as Spain and Italy.

In the US, investors are expecting the Federal Reserve to unveil its own drive to pump cash into the economy, while poor trade figures from China last week increased the likelihood Beijing will also intervene to kickstart growth.



Picture above depicts a man begging on a street in Shanghai. China's slowing growth has triggered alarm bells, but analysts said government moves to further fine-tune monetary policy should be enough to stabilise the world's second-largest economy, according to figures released in July

World food prices soar

Drought has damaged much of the U.S. corn crop. As a result, the Agriculture Department expects prices to rise between 3 percent and 4 percent next year, with other world nations getting hard hit as well.



Picture above shows a farmer removing dried plants from his parched paddy field at Narimanpura village, on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad. Rice is the main summer-sown crop in the country and sowing is over in 14.46 million hectares compared to 16.13 million hectares a year earlier.

BBC sued over 'cash for medals' allegations



LONDON (AFP) - With the Olympic ended, the sports' governing body announced it is suing the BBC over repeated allegations of cash for medals in boxing.

The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has begun legal action after the broadcaster repeated on Friday night that boxing medals could be bought at London 2012.

Azerbaijani boxers, super heavyweight Magomedrasul Medzhidov and heavyweight Teymur Mammadov both lost their semi-finals on Friday, leaving them with bronze medals.

No other Azerbaijani boxers are left in the competition.

On Friday, the BBC repeated the allegation first made in a Newsnight documentary last September that around \$10m had been paid from Azerbaijan to boxing authorities in return for two golds.

Both the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and AIBA investigated the BBC's original claims, failing to find any wrongdoing and now the governing body are

hitting back.

"In September last year the BBC alleged that AIBA took a \$10 million bribe from Azerbaijan in exchange for two gold medals at the Olympic Games in London," said AIBA President Dr Ching-Kuo Wu in a statement.

"Both AIBA and the IOC investigated the claim and could find no evidence to support it.

"The BBC re-broadcast the allegation last night (in a website report), on the eve of the semi-finals, having been told it is untrue. "Therefore I have today instructed the London libel firm PSB Law to begin legal action against the BBC.

"I have worked extremely hard over the past six years to clean up Olympic boxing after years of corruption scandals under the previous administration and I am extremely disappointed and frustrated by the BBC."

Archaeologists cover up Afghan heritage



BAMIYAN (AFP) - "It's there," says an archaeologist pointing to the ground, where fragments of a Buddha statue from the ancient Gandhara civilisation have been covered up to stop them being stolen or vandalised.

Just months before the US-led invasion in 2001, the Taliban regime shocked the world by destroying two giant, 1,500-year-old Buddhas in the rocky Bamiyan valley, branding them un-Islamic.

More than 10 years on Western experts say Afghanistan's ancient Buddhist and early Islamic heritage is little safer.

At the foot of the cliff where the two Buddhas used to stand 130 kilometres (80 miles) west of Kabul, an archaeological site has been found and parts of a third Buddha, lying down, were discovered in 2008.

The area of the lying Buddha is around half the size of a football pitch. A dozen statues or more lie under tonnes of stone and earth.

"We covered everything up because the ground is private and to prevent looting," says Zemaryalai Tarzi, the 75-year-old French archaeologist born in Afghanistan who is leading

the project.

Tarzi says he dug first in the potato fields to find artefacts, which he buried again afterwards. All around him, under a large area of farmland, he says, lie exceptional treasures.

In the West, the presence of such riches would lead to a large-scale excavation, frantic research and in time, glorious museum exhibitions.

In Afghanistan, ground down by poverty and three decades of war, it is the opposite.

"The safest place is to leave heritage underground," says Brendan Cassar, head of the UNESCO mission in Afghanistan, adding that policing the thousands of prehistoric, Buddhist and Islamic sites dotted around the country was impossible.

Below ground, the relics are protected from endemic looting, illegal smuggling and the corrosive effects of freezing winters.

UNESCO added the rocky Bamiyan valley, with its old forts, temples and cave paintings, to its list of endangered heritage sites in 2003. But sites have been destroyed throughout the country.

Italian arrested for carrying away Auschwitz 'souvenir'

WARSAW (AFP) - A 66-year-old Italian was held at Poland's Krakow airport after being found with barbed wire from the former Nazi death camp Auschwitz where his father had been a prisoner, police said.

"The man was arrested on Saturday. He told the police that he wanted a souvenir from Auschwitz because his father died in the camp," Krakow police spokesman Mariusz Ciarka told AFP.

The man had 30 centimetres of barbed wire. Police said he could be released if it "emerges that he did not destroy anything."

A Frenchman was arrested in Krakow last year for also trying to carry away some barbed wire from Auschwitz.

Auschwitz-Birkenau is the most notorious, and enduring, symbol of the Holocaust, Nazi Germany's wartime campaign of genocide against Europe's Jews.

A year after invading Poland in 1939, the Nazis opened what was to become a vast complex on the edge of the southern town of Oswiecim -- Auschwitz in German. They later expanded it to the nearby village of Brzezinka, or Birkenau.

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - For the first time after her much-publicized break-up with Brad Pitt, US actress Jennifer Aniston is engaged to be married again -- this time to a much less known actor-screenwriter, Justin Theroux. Aniston, 43, married Hollywood star Pitt in 2000, but the marriage ended in divorce in 2005 following reports that Pitt had been unfaithful to Aniston with another Hollywood mega-star, Angelina Jolie. Theroux, 41, has not been previously married. The engagement was largely expected as the couple was reported earlier this year to have purchased a mansion in Los Angeles's exclusive Bel-Air neighborhood for roughly \$22 million.

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for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.



A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Ostapchuk stripped of gold for doping



PARIS (AFP) - Belarusian Nadezhda Ostapchuk on Monday became the first medallist disqualified from the London Games for doping and was stripped of her women's Olympic shot put title.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed that New Zealand's Valerie Adams, the 2008 Olympic and three-time world champion, has been awarded the gold medal after Ostapchuk, 31, provided two urine samples which were both found to contain the banned anabolic agent metenolone.

An IOC statement said: "The athlete was first requested to provide a urine sample for a doping control on 5 August. She competed the next day in the women's shot put event, where she placed

first, and was asked to provide a sample straight after her competition.

"Both samples indicated the presence of metenolone, which is classified as anabolic agent under the 2012 Prohibited List."

Ostapchuk, the 2005 world champion, took surprise gold with a throw of 21.36m to end the almost two-year unbeaten run of 27-year-old Adams, who took silver with 20.70m.

Russia's Yevgeniya Kolodko has been upgraded to silver medal position and Lijiao Gong of China bronze.

Ostapchuk had been competing in her third Olympics in London. She finished fourth in Athens in 2004 and won bronze in Beijing four years ago.

Absconded Cameroon boxers say they were threatened

(AFP) - Five Cameroonian boxers who disappeared at the London Olympics said in an interview broadcast yesterday that they absconded because they had been threatened by officials in their delegation.

The boxers, who went missing along with two other Cameroonian athletes more than a week ago, said they now wanted to stay in Britain to develop their careers.

Speaking in French, Yepmou Mendouo said officials had tried to confiscate some of his teammates' passports.

He also claimed that Cameroonian officials had halved the boxers' agreed bonuses.

We were not happy with that," he told the broadcaster. "But we decided, the five of us, that as fighters we should fight -- because it's a matter of image." Blaise Yepmou Mendouo told BBC.

The BBC named the other boxers as Thomas Essomba, Christian Donfack Adjoufack,

Abdon Mewoli and Serge Ambomo, and their missing teammates as swimmer Paul Ekane Edingue and female footballer Drusille Ngako.

All seven have visas to stay in Britain until November, British Olympic officials said last week.

Essomba told the BBC that the boxers were searching for a sponsor to help them become long-term British residents.

"We are not staying here because we don't like our country, but (because we) want to practise the sports we love," he said.

"We want to become professional. We cannot return to Cameroon," he added. "If we return, we will not practise anymore."

The head of the Cameroon delegation to the Olympics, David Ojong, was quoted by the BBC as saying that the boxers were lying, that they had never been threatened and were making up the allegation to justify their desertion.



RIO DE JANEIRO — The Olympic flag landed in Rio on Monday, officially making the Brazilian city host of the 2016 Summer Games, an AFP correspondent at the airport said. Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes stepped off a plane carrying the flag, accompanied by Carlos Arthur Nuzman, president of the 2016 Games Organizing Committee, Rio Governor Sergio Cabral and Brazilian athletes who competed in London. Hosting the Games will be a huge challenge for a city notorious for its traffic chaos, inadequate infrastructure and favela violence, but authorities say Rio will rise to the occasion. Today, the flag will be flown to Brasilia for a ceremony attended by President Dilma Rousseff and on Wednesday Paes will carry it through Rio's northern Alemao complex of favelas as well as through the western district of Realengo, officials said. On Sunday, Paes received the Olympic flag from London Mayor Boris Johnson during the ceremony that marked the close of the London Games and the countdown to the 2016 Summer Games, which will be the first held in South America.

DRC judoka, coaches, missing - ministry

KINSHASA (AFP) - A judoka and three coaches from the Democratic Republic of Congo's Olympic delegation have gone missing after leaving the Athletes' Village at the London Games, the country's sports ministry said on Monday.

Cedric Mandembo, who competed in the +100kg category, boxing coach Blaise Bekwa, athletics coach Guy Nkita and judo coach Ibula Masengo have not been seen since the Games came to a

close on Sunday evening, the source said, requesting anonymity.

The country's 12-strong delegation to the Games is due back in Kinshasa on Thursday.

An informed source in the capital said national boxing coach Bekwa disappeared from the Athletes' Village on Friday while Nkita, national athletics technical director, had left the area just after Ilunga Mande pulled out of the men's marathon. Masengo was reported to have disappeared Saturday night while Mandembo was said to have disappeared just after the closing ceremony on Sunday evening.

Asked about the disappearances, the minister of sport and youth, Baudoin Banza

Mukalay, said: "I don't know... I left London this morning. Yesterday (Sunday) I was with officials before the closing ceremony."

"They gave me a report that everything was going well."

According to Mukalay, the Congolese delegation is due back in Kinshasa before Wednesday.

The country's four athletes did not shine at the Games: Mandembo lost his first fight after only 49 seconds; Ilunga Sankuru finished 14th out of 15 in the women's 1500m; while boxer Mwamba Meji lost on a referee's decision.

Marathon runner Ilunga Mande pulled out two kilometres from the finish.

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Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABCA) game results



BRIDGE RESULTS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

Thursday, August 9, 2012

A total of 11 pairs attended the bridge play at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The following guest players joined the group: Renate Gruber, Jim Doig and Ed Bauman. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Joke Henriquez / Ineke Jobse 58.75 %
- 2) Ed Bauman / Jim Doig 58.41 %
- 3) Willy Flannegin / Maritza van Romondt 53.56 %
- 4) Marion Pijper / Lineke Kluiving 52.17 %
- 5) Geke In 't Veld / Annemieke de Cuba 51.13 %

Friday, August 10, 2012

A total of 7 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank

Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

Renate Gruber joined the group as a guest player.

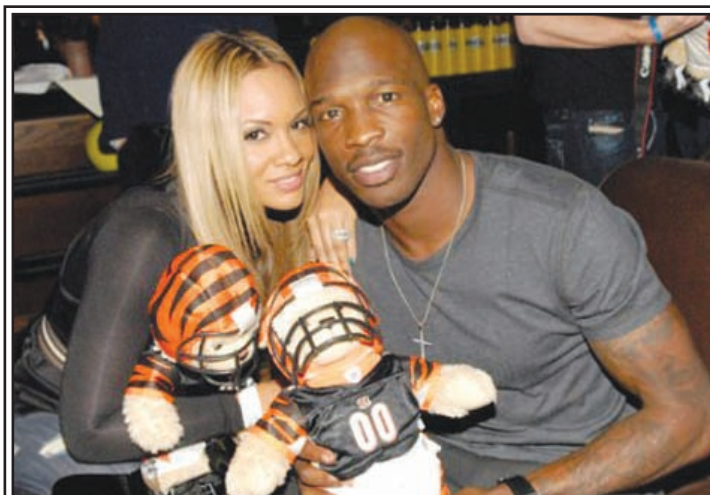
The results 50 % and higher are as follows:

- 1) Toos Nierop / Chris Joosten 60.00 %

- Willy Flannegin / Joke Henriquez 60.00 %
- Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 60.00 %
- 2) Renate Gruber / Ineke Jobse 53.00 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time.

Fee for guest players: US \$ 6.00 per person; fee for members: Afl. 6.50 per person. The club can also be of assistance in getting single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers: tel. 582-4953.

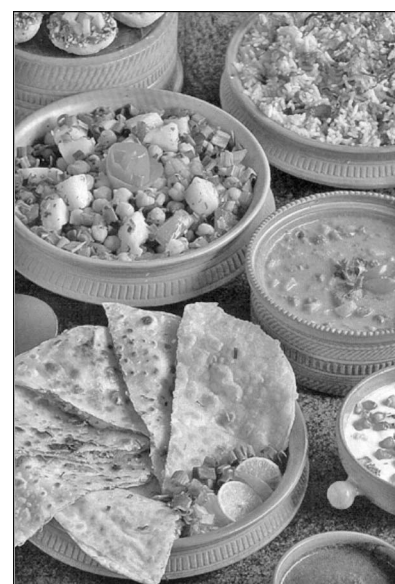


The Miami Dolphins have cut ties with wide receiver Chad Johnson one day after the flamboyant player was arrested for a domestic assault charge. Johnson (34) was released from jail after being arrested after his wife accused the former All-Star of head-butting her and the Dolphins said in a brief statement Sunday that they had terminated his contract just two months after signing him. A six-time Pro Bowler known for elaborate touchdown celebrations and showmanship, Johnson was coming off a disappointing 2011 season with the New England Patriots that resulted in him being released at the end of the campaign.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	67	47	.588	--	WASHINGTON	71	44	.617	--
TAMPA	62	52	.544	5.0	ATLANTA	66	48	.579	4.5
BALTIMORE	62	53	.539	5.5	NY METS	55	60	.478	16.0
BOSTON	57	59	.491	11.0	PHILADELPHIA	52	62	.456	18.5
TORONTO	54	60	.474	13.0	MIAMI	52	63	.452	19.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	62	51	.549	--	CINCINNATI	69	46	.600	--
DETROIT	61	54	.530	2.0	PITTSBURG	64	50	.561	4.5
CLEVELAND	53	62	.461	10.0	ST. LOUIS	62	53	.539	7.0
MINNESOTA	49	65	.430	13.5	MILWAUKEE	52	61	.460	16.0
KANSAS	49	65	.430	13.5	CHICAGO	44	69	.389	24.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	67	46	.593	--	HOUSTON	38	78	.328	31.5
OAKLAND	61	53	.535	6.5	SAN FRANCISCO	63	52	.548	--
LA ANGELES	60	55	.522	8.0	LA DODGERS	62	53	.539	1.0
SEATTLE	53	63	.457	15.5	ARIZONA	58	57	.504	5.0
					SAN DIEGO	51	65	.440	12.5
					COLORADO	41	71	.366	20.5

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Boxing chief wants more women fighting in Rio



LONDON (AFP) - There should be an increase in women boxers at the 2016 Olympics in Rio after the success of the inaugural competition at the London Games, amateur boxing chief Dr Ching-Kuo Wu said.

The 65-year-old Taiwanese admitted that it was not realistic to expect all 10 categories to be contested in Brazil, but he said there were four years to go and he would lobby hard for an increase from the 36 who fought in London.

All three categories were well-received by the 10,000 spectators with finals day on Thursday even resembling a fight at the National Stadium in Dublin as the arena was bedecked in Irish flags for Katie Taylor, who won lightweight gold.

"I think the women's performances were magnificent," said Wu, whose lobbying paid off when the IOC Executive Board voted the sport on to the schedule in 2009.

Franco Falcinelli, AIBA senior technical delegate, said that the success of women's boxing had proved wrong all those who said it was a dangerous sport.

"After around 260 bouts prior to the five finals there have been only three that have not run their full course," he said.

"That statistic and the similar success in the women's

competition shows boxing is not as dangerous as a sport as many portray it."

Wu said that the use of headguards was still up for debate between AIBA's medical experts and the IOC Medical Commission.

Re-evaluating the judges and referees will also feature after the Games, though AIBA chiefs were at pains to point out that there had been few contentious decisions with only one referee, from Turkmenistan, sent home after being found at fault.

Wu also ruled out calls from television companies for the return of running scores on the screen instead of the system he introduced of displaying them up after each round.

"If the running scores are on the screen then everybody fixes their eyes on that and doesn't watch the competition. So what's the competition for?" he said.

"Everyone also becomes a judge. So what are the judges for?"



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London basks in Olympic glory



A member of the Kazakhstan contingent takes a picture of a tree with Games memos hung on its branches

LONDON (AFP) - Thousands of athletes began a mass exodus from London and turned their thoughts to Rio de Janeiro in 2016, as Britain basked in the adulation for a Games that electrified billions of viewers around the globe.

London's Heathrow Airport said it was expecting the busiest day of the Games with 6,000 athletes travelling through a special Games terminal and another 11,000 officials and media due to leave through normal channels.

Many would be leaving with little sleep after a glittering closing ceremony featur-

ing The Who, the Spice Girls, George Michael and Brazilian football legend Pele entertaining a crowd of 80,000 at the Olympic Stadium.

But 31-year-old Ostapchuk waved goodbye not just to the Games but also to her women's shot put title after the International Olympic Committee said she had tested positive for the anabolic steroid metenolone.

The news failed to dampen the mood in Britain though, with London Mayor Boris Johnson saying that for him and many other Londoners the Games had been "the most ex-

traordinary event we can remember in our lifetimes".

Olympics chief Sebastian Coe, speaking at the same press conference as Johnson, said he hoped there would be a long-term boost for British sport.

During two weeks of sporting spectacle record-breaking Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt and US swimmer Michael Phelps lit up the Olympic Park in east London.

Heptathlete Jessica Ennis led an unexpectedly high number of British champions who kept fans' excitement at fever pitch.

The United States topped the medals table with 46 golds, eight ahead of China, while Britain had 29 -- their best since 1904. It was the first Games where every team had at least one female competitor.

The closing ceremony also saw the Olympic flag handed over to the mayor of Rio, a symbolic transfer which launches the four-year countdown to the 2016 Games.

IOC President Jacques Rogge, speaking during the closing ceremony, praised the Games as "happy and glorious" -- a reference to the lyrics of Britain's national anthem "God Save the Queen".

After 16 full days of competition, 302 Olympic titles were handed out and 46 world records broken.

More than seven million

Prime Minister David Cameron received congratulations from US President Barack Obama, who called him to praise the organisation of the Games and the performance of the British team.

Cameron said the Games had reflected the best of Britain's multi-cultural complexion, taking the example of Mo Farah, who won a rare 5,000m and 10,000m double.

Farah came to Britain at age eight after spending his early years in Somalia and Djibouti.

Britain's newspapers on Monday reflected the country's newfound pride but also betrayed a tinge of sadness that the Games were over.

"Thanks, it's been a blast," said the Daily Telegraph over a picture of the giant Union Jack that covered the floor of



U.S. sprinter Justin Gatlin, foreground, relaxes as he waits to depart to the U.S.

fans came out to watch Olympic events, and Bolt's 200m win generated a staggering 80,000 tweets a minute.

the Olympic stadium during the closing ceremony, while the Guardian bade "Goodbye to the Glorious Games".